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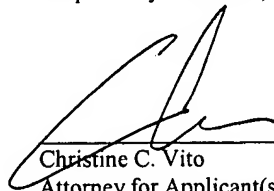
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office action mailed on September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application requires restriction to the invention of one of Groups I-XXIV. Applicants elect the invention of Group V, which includes claims 9, 17-21, 23, 33, 34, and 44, with traverse and submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.